



WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO BE **A PEOPLE OF AWE?**

This at least seems to me the main problem... How can we contrive to be at once astonished at the world and yet at home in it? ... How can this world give us at once the fascination of a strange town and the comfort and honor of being our own town?

-- G K Chesterton

The path of awe seems well worn. It's a journey intended to bring us down to size. Pictures of our galaxy with a note that there are 100 billion more just like it. Videos of deep-sea creatures with bioluminescent bodies. Images of the northern lights that are utterly otherworldly. All of them remind us that the universe is more vast than we can imagine. All of them leave us with a sense of wonder that overwhelms. We are brought to the edge of what we can wrap our minds around. It's like staring into an incomprehensible abyss. One can't help but feel humbled and small.

But religion has never wanted us to stop there. Hold tight it says. I know it's hard but trust us: the path doesn't end with a deep darkness that doesn't care. Just stand at the abyss a bit longer. Lean in just a little bit more. And when you do so, suddenly an invitation emerges from that awe-full abyss. You look into the vast mystery and surprisingly, it stares back, as if to say, "Welcome home."

As physicists tell us, contemplation of the vast universe doesn't make them feel smaller, it makes them realize the larger story of which they are a part. We are stardust, as they say. From the vastness we came and to it we will return again. In other words, to be a people of awe is not so much about feeling small; it's about feeling connected.

And not just connected to the stars, but also to each other. Awe reduces our size *in order* to make room for something more than our personal needs, wants and worries. With our narcissism shrunk down to a reasonable proportion, it becomes possible to notice that we are not the only ones up there on the stage. It's in this way that looking up into the cosmos allows us to look across at each other. And it's a huge gift, because while being center stage and center of the universe can feel powerful, it's also a very lonely place to stand.

So friends, don't just look up at the stars this month. Let that looking up also lead to you looking across. And in doing so, may you--like our friend G K Chesterton--not simply be astonished at the universe but also feel at home in it.



DECEMBER 2019 SUNDAY SERVICES

OUR THEME IN DECEMBER EXPLORES
"WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO BE A PEOPLE OF **AWE**?"

DECEMBER 1 "IN THE GAMBIA"

Lifelong Fellowship member and UUFM Board Member-at-large Lily Colburn shares her experiences of awe before, during, and after her 2 month service learning experience on the western coast of Africa in Kartong, The Gambia. Convener is Chris Bailey at 785 341-8997 or meadbailey@gmail.com.

DECEMBER 8 "FEAR NOT?"

Rev Jonalu Johnstone speaks. The word "awe" evokes power and fear, as well as admiration and reverence. Over and over in the Bible, angels intone, "Fear not!" They know that people's reactions to unexpected wonder are often tinged with fear. Ought we to fear? Should awe paralyze us? How do we move forward in the face of wonder? Our convener is Elke Lorenz at 785 218-4044 or elkelorenz9@gmail.com.

DECEMBER 15 "WORDS FAIL"

Jonalu Johnstone reflects, "Awe is a response where we are so bowled over that words fail. And yet, we keep trying--transcendent, unparalleled, mystical, numinous. Since philosopher and psychologist William James tackled the subject of 'The Varieties of Religious Experiences' more than a hundred years ago, we have learned a lot about how the human brain conditions religious response. What is "awe" all about, and what should we do with it?" Our convener is Marisa Larson at 240 305-0895 or marisa.larson@gmail.com.

DECEMBER 22 "THE HOLIDAYS: AWESOME OR AWFUL?"

With Solstice and Hanukkah here and Christmas coming, what can we appreciate and what can we let go of? What's going well this season? What are you dreading? Together, let's make the holidays more awesome by coming together. Jessica Sievers, at 785 532-8471 or sieversj@gmail.com, convenes.

DECEMBER 24 "EVEN A REGULAR BABY IS NOT A TAME THING: AN INTERACTIVE NATIVITY"

Our CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE gathers at **7 PM**, on Tuesday, December 24. Join us for a re-telling of the story of Christmas like you haven't heard it before. There will be plenty of opportunities for participation, we'll sing some favorite carols, and end with candle-lighting. Rev Jonalu Johnstone and Katie Kingery-Page lead us.

DECEMBER 29 "FAREWELL 2019: R.I.P."

Michael Oldfather and his wrecking crew lead discussion, make presentations, and entertain comments to remember the highlights and low-lights of the soon-to-be lamented and/or unlamented year passing into history. One might think of the service as Joys and Concerns, together with eulogies, some singing, and a bit of suitable recorded music. Learn more from Michael at 785 537-3738 or mou812@ksu.edu.

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COMING UP ...

Sign up now for **SEARCHING FOR THE FUTURE**, a visioning workshop, on **DECEMBER 14**. Learn more on pages 5 and 7 of this newsletter.

Fill out your gift list at our annual **HOLIDAY CRAFT AND BAKE SALE** on Sunday, **DECEMBER 8**. Learn more on pages 5 and 7.

OUR WHOLE LIVES (OWL) classes are forming for K thru 1st grade students. Learn more on page 4.

Spring **CIRCLE DINNER** groups are being formed. Learn more on page 7.



UUFM is a
WELCOMING CONGREGATION
Learn more about the Welcoming Congregation initiative at
www.uua.org/lgbtq/welcoming/program

Despite how many carols you hear on the radio or decorations you see popping up all over town, our Christian neighbors and friends are not yet in the Christmas season; they are in the season of Advent. While liturgical Christians, like Episcopalians, Lutherans and Catholics are most likely to celebrate Advent, more and more Christian congregations do acknowledge the season. However, with the centrality of consumer consumption and the commercial pressure for buying and selling in our larger culture, Advent has become the most neglected and bypassed time. We think of December as a frantic time, rather than a contemplative one. I



don't believe in the supposed war on Christmas, but I could be convinced that there's a war on Advent.

At Advent, Christians wait patiently to fulfill the promise of Jesus's birth. "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel, and

ransom captive Israel." They are waiting for a birth, yes, and also waiting for a release from captivity. They are waiting for freedom. Traditionally, Advent centers on hope, preparation, joy and love, qualities encouraged and supported by many different traditions.

The theology of Advent fits nicely in the Northern Hemisphere where we experience darkness in December. Advent, unlike the Christmas season when we madly light lights everywhere, is a season of darkness and waiting, a time of uncertainty. There's so much we wait and long for, so much to be uncertain about. Darkness is more than an absence of light. We notice that absence every day now, as the sunset comes nearer and nearer to five o'clock and we rise and prepare for the day in the early morning blackness. The time of darkness invites reflection. Darkness encourages reflection rather than activity, quiet rather than boisterousness. When it's dark, and especially if you add cold to that, we're less likely to venture out, preferring to snuggle and nest at home. A Pagan friend of mine used to say that we're supposed to follow the weather prompts and stay home in front of the fire and tell stories this time of year.

Whatever your own holiday traditions--whether you prefer staying home nestled in with family, or being out and about with the Christmas bustle--I hope you find a moment of two

to stop and contemplate the darkness and what it offers you this year. What are you hoping for, as the seasons turn? What gift may come from waiting?

May your holiday season, however you celebrate or don't, include joy and love, if not actual awe.

Jonalu

Talk to Rev Jonalu Johnstone after Sunday services, or contact her at 785 537-2349 or revjonalu@uufm.net.

Read Jonalu's blog at uufm.net/topic/minister-blog/

UUFM RACIAL JUSTICE TEAM

The UUFM Racial Justice Team meets Sunday afternoon, DECEMBER 8, at 4 pm. Anyone interested in pursuing this vital work to grow our own understanding and plan effective action is encouraged to attend. Learn more from Jonalu Johnstone at 785 537-2349 or revjonalu@uufm.net.

REV JONALU JOHNSTONE'S SCHEDULE

Thursday,	December	5 - 1 to 5 pm
Saturday,	December	7 - 10:30 am to 12:30 pm Radina's Bakehouse
Tuesday,	December	10 - 1:30 to 5 pm
Wednesday,	December	11 - 12:30 to 2:30 pm Radina's on the Hill
Thursday,	December	12 - 2 to 5 pm
Tuesday,	December	17 - 1 to 5 pm
Wednesday,	December	18 - 3 to 5 pm Radina's Aggieville
Thursday,	December	19 - 1 to 5 pm
Tuesday,	December	24 - 1 to 5 pm
Thursday,	December	26 - 1 to 5 pm

December 27 thru January 1, Rev Jonalu will be away on holiday. She may be reached by phone or email. During office hours, contact Jonalu at the Fellowship at 785 537-2349 or revjonalu@uufm.net. During "out-of-office" hours drop into Radina's for a cup of coffee and a chat.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

DECEMBER CLASS SCHEDULE

PRE-K THROUGH 6TH GRADE

- December 1 – Holiday crafting
- December 8 – Holiday crafting
- December 15 – A People of Awe
- December 22 – Board games and crafting
- December 29 – Pajamas and hot chocolate

7TH GRADE AND UP

- December 1 – Prep for December 8 field trip--learn about Catholicism (and a little crafting!)
- December 8 – Field trip to Saint Isadore's for Catholic mass (9:30 am)
- December 15 – Reflect on field trip then pizza lunch and holiday cookie baking at Sandy's
- December 22 – Board games and crafting
- December 29 – Catch up and planning for new year

DECEMBER IS WAFFLE MONTH!!!

Every Sunday in December we'll be serving up hot waffles for breakfast from 9:30 to 10:15 am, in the Jupiter room. *Come have breakfast with us!*

REGISTER YOUR CHILD(REN)

Remember, all children must be registered for the 2019/2020 year. Registration forms are available on the RE bulletin board at the end of the hallway as well as online at <http://form.jotform.us/form/51486475507160>.

OWL IS COMING !

Our Whole Lives (OWL) classes will be held mid-January through mid-March. OWL is a respected UU sexual education program. Children learn in an accurate and age appropriate way about human development, relationships, personal skills, sexual behavior, sexual health, and society and culture. The core values are self-worth, sexual health, responsibility, justice, and inclusivity. We expect to offer the K-1 curriculum. It all depends on interest and class numbers. If you have children within those age ranges and would like to enroll them in OWL, or if you simply have questions about the OWL program, contact Sandy Nelson at 785 341-0135 or dre@uufm.net as soon as possible. There's also a lot of great information at <http://www.uua.org/re/owl>.

3RD SUNDAY TEEN LUNCH

On Sunday, DECEMBER 15, the 7th grade and up class is having pizza lunch and holiday cookie baking at Sandy's home. Friends are welcome. Lunch is at 12:30 pm, and we'll bake cookies until about 3 pm. Please RSVP to Sandy at 785 341-0135 or DRE@uufm.net, or Molly at 785 341-9960 or molly_mcgaughey@hotmail.com.

DRE's SCHEDULE

Sandy will be available in the Fellowship office on **TUESDAYS** and **THURSDAYS**, from 3:30 to 4:30 pm.

Talk with Director of Religious Education Sandy Nelson most Sunday mornings before or after the service, or contact her at 785 341-0135 or DRE@uufm.net.

ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS – EVENTS ARE OPEN TO ALL INTERESTED PEOPLE

The **WOMEN'S COFFEE** group meets EVERY MONDAY and THURSDAY at 9:30 am, at McDonald's in Westloop. Join us for morning coffee and conversation. Learn more from Jane Pelletier at 785 537-0954 or mjanepelletier@gmail.com.

The **MEN'S LUNCH** group meets EVERY WEDNESDAY, at 12 noon, in the Jupiter room (large RE room). Bring a lunch for yourself and come prepared for lively conversation. Learn more from Michael Oldfather at 785 537-3738 or mou812@ksu.edu.

Don't miss **BEER AND THEOLOGY**, on the first Friday of every month. This month, we meet on DECEMBER 6, at 7 pm, at Auntie Mae's in Aggieville. Contact Chris Bailey at 785 341-8997 or meadbailey@gmail.com.

The UUFM **BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP** will NOT meet in December. Watch for upcoming announcements of our January meeting. Learn more from Lorrie Cross at 785 539-7883 or lmccross@kansas.net.

SEARCHING FOR THE FUTURE ...

The Fellowship is holding a visioning workshop, *SEARCHING FOR THE FUTURE*, on Saturday, DECEMBER 14. Barry Finkelstein, who led the Next Steps Weekend in September, will be back as the lead facilitator. The goal is to create a vision by which we can live and operate as a Fellowship over the next few years. Visions (and missions) are what we use to make decisions, and therefore need to be revisited regularly to ensure that they still reflect the thoughts, feelings, and goals of our membership. A significant turnout is crucial to our success.

Two sessions will be held on Saturday; one in the morning, and one in the afternoon. Between the sessions will be a lunch at which morning and afternoon attendees can mingle. Following the afternoon session, we'll have an early dinner, and then, after dinner, Barry will provide a wrap-up session with the take-aways from the day's work.

On Friday, DECEMBER 13, from 5:30 to 8:30 pm, we'll hold FACILITATOR TRAINING. On Saturday, DECEMBER 14, the MORNING SESSION meets from 9 am to 12 noon. Morning and afternoon participants mingle during LUNCH, from 12 to 1pm, then the AFTERNOON SESSION runs from 1 to 4 pm. We'll have an EARLY DINNER from 4 to 5:30 pm, followed by a WRAP-UP SESSION with Barry from 5:30 to 6:30 pm.

In addition to as many attendees as we can get on Saturday, *we need ten or more facilitators* to help run the sessions on Saturday. Facilitators will go through a training process on Friday evening. On Saturday, facilitators will be divided amongst the groups in each session, two facilitators to each group.

You can sign up electronically at www.eventbrite.com/e/searching-for-the-future-tickets-83269763103, or sign up in the narthex over the next couple of Sundays, or you can contact Eli Martinson at 785 564-7603 or elias.martinson@gmail.com.

We know that between the Next Steps Weekend and this event, we're asking for a big-time commitment during our precious weekends. We hope that you will see the value and importance in this work and join us in setting a path forward. Please know that your commitment is greatly appreciated!

HOLIDAY CRAFT AND BAKE SALE

Join us following the morning service on Sunday, DECEMBER 8, for our annual Holiday Craft and Bake Sale. This is a fabulous opportunity to finish filling your holiday gift lists, and stock up on treats for snacking, guests, and special meals. Don't miss the beautiful, *HANDCRAFTED QUILTS*, created by our own Harriette Janke, on display now in the hall by the nursery! Bid sheets are provided next to the quilts, and winning bids will be announced following the sale. Learn how you can donate your crafts and holiday food treats, and learn about the many ways you can help, from Betty Banner at 785 776-1887 or bettybanner@gmail.com.

UU HISTORY AND THEOLOGY

We meet *BEFORE THE SUNDAY SERVICE*, at 9:30 am (dates vary). This year, we tackle UU history and theology through a social justice lens. We'll dive deep on a few particular moments and themes. On Sunday, DECEMBER 8, we explore JUST WAR, PACIFISM, AND PEACE-MAKING. Different theories of peace-making lead to different reactions to war. How have we engaged historically, and what does that mean for us as we search for peace in our time? *Let us know by Wednesday, December 4, if you'll need childcare*, at 785 537-2349 or office@uufm.net.

MEADOWLARK HILLS SERVICE

Our November/December service at Meadowlark Hills gathers on Wednesday, DECEMBER 11, at 3 pm, in Meadowlark's Flint Hills room. Learn more from Jonalu Johnstone at 785 537-2349 or revjonalu@uufm.net.

TAI CHI

Join Mark Moser and Jonalu Johnstone to practice some easy Chi Gung warm-ups, and learn Wu and Yang styles of Tai Chi. We welcome anyone of any skill level, whatever you know or don't know about this kind of spiritual movement. We meet at 9 am, on SATURDAY MORNINGS, at the Fellowship. Learn more from Mark at 785 537-5028 or mark@grapeviner.com.

POOR PEOPLE'S CAMPAIGN

Make plans to attend and participate in a KANSAS STRATEGIC DIALOGUE, on Thursday, DECEMBER 5, from 6 to 8:15 pm, at First Congregational Church, 700 Poyntz Avenue, in Manhattan. Is healthcare a human right? Join us for conversations about your healthcare stories, discovering the myths of the healthcare system, and exploring healthcare accessibility.

UUFM VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

COFFEE AND GREETING TEAMS offer a great way to get acquainted and get involved, and each team serves three or four Sundays each year. Learn more from Susan Turner at 539-3272 or office@uufm.net.

This month, Fellowship volunteers prepare and serve **HAPPY KITCHEN COMMUNITY BREAKFAST** EVERY FRIDAY MORNING, from 7 to 8:30 am, at St Paul's Episcopal Church. *If you'd like to learn more, or you're ready to join one of our Happy Kitchen teams, contact Tom Phillips at 405 880-6483 or twp1@ksu.edu, or Rob DeLong at 417 761-2488 or rkdelong@gmail.com.*

If you are creative, visually oriented, attentive to detail, and work well on your own, consider volunteering to maintain our UUFM **BULLETIN BOARDS**. You'll serve the mission of UUFM by keeping people informed and keeping our space attractive and inviting. We'll provide the information. You make choices about format, design, and when you'll do it. Contact Sue Turner at 785 537-2349 or office@uufm.net, or Jonalu Johnstone at revjonalu@uufm.net to learn more.

HELPING HANDS

In DECEMBER, Helping Hands contributions will be collected to go holiday shopping for adopted families living at the **MANHATTAN EMERGENCY SHELTER** (MESI). Fellowship volunteers shop for toys, gifts, warm clothing, and other everyday needs for our adopted families.

In November, Fellowship members and friends contributed our morning collections to the Riley County Humane Society. THANK YOU all for your generous donations! Learn more from Helping Hands coordinator Dixie Moreau at 785 477-8188 or dixie.moreau53@att.net.

FAIR TRADE COFFEE, TEA AND CHOCOLATE



Equal Exchange whole bean, ground, and decaf coffees, as well as chocolate and tea are available for purchase. To learn more, or to purchase fair trade products, see Anne Cowan following Sunday morning services at the Equal Exchange kiosk in the Fellowship's narthex, or contact her at 785 537-2025 or anne_cowan@sbcglobal.net.

Equal Exchange works in collaboration with the Unitarian Universalist Service Committee (UUSC). Sourced directly from farmer cooperatives, following the standards and principles of fair trade on 100 percent of its products.

The UUFM Executive Board invites everyone to participate in a series of webinars exploring the possibilities within small UU congregations

Small Numbers, Infinite Possibilities



January 15 **Stewardship and Sustainability for the Long Haul**

February 12 **Being Beloved Community**

We meet at 6 pm, at the Fellowship, and any interested members and friends are invited to show up and participate. Contact UUFM Executive Board Chair Mark Mayfield at 785 410-3073 or ferguson.mayfield@gmail.com, to learn how to view the webinar at other times.

Members and friends are invited to sign up for Spring

Circle Dinners

Groups of 5 or 6 adults (children are welcome, too) gather for a good meal in a comfortable setting (home, restaurant, or the Fellowship), hosted by a different member of the group each month.

These get-togethers allow new members and friends to get acquainted, and provide a wonderful way for old friends to re-connect.

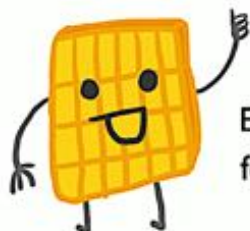
Those who don't want to commit every month may sign up to substitute when a regular member can't attend.

If you have questions, suggestions, or ideas, or are ready to join a group, please contact Madilena Mendiola at (858) 472-8326 or madilenam@gmail.com.

Or, sign up using our Circle Dinner form at

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScV0_3wANu3QVr-3A8pcwyn_TQviElkYU-PpcjyCi1XqKQlwQ/viewform

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It's **Waffle Month**, in RE ...

Every Sunday in December we'll be serving up hot waffles for breakfast, from 9:30 to 10:15 am, in the Jupiter room.

*Come have breakfast with us!*

The UUFM Board is planning a visioning workshop

## *Searching for the Future*

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Saturday, **December 14,**

**Morning Session**, 9 am to 12 pm

**Intermingled Lunch**, 12 to 1 pm

**Afternoon Session**, 1 to 4 pm

**Dinner**, 4 to 5:30 pm

**Wrap-up Session**, 5:30 to 6:30 pm

Sign up at <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/searching-for-the-future-tickets-83269763103>, or sign up in the narthex over the next couple of Sundays, or contact Eli Martinson at 785 564-7603 or [elias.martinson@gmail.com](mailto:elias.martinson@gmail.com).



## COFFEE AND GREETING TEAMS



- Dec 1: Laura Bonella, Jane Pelletier,  
and Sarah Desmet
- Dec 8: Les and Miki Loschky, and  
Christian Gilbert
- Dec 15: Harriette Janke, Susan Adamchak,  
Tom Phillips, and Jane Houghton
- Dec 22: Betty Banner, Enell Foerster,  
Chris Bailey, and Kim Ewing
- Dec 29: Catherine Crites, Judy Exdell,  
Diane Barker, and Gail Ragan

Learn more about coffee and greeting  
teams from Shirley Hobrock at 785 776-  
3175 or shirleyjhobrock@hotmail.com.

### NEED A NEW NAME TAG ?

*If you would like your preferred gender  
pronouns noted on your name tag, please  
let us know.* There is a fee of \$6 to replace  
lost name tags, or to get a new magnetic  
version. Name tags are provided without  
cost for new members. Let us know your  
name tag preferences by contacting  
Madilena Mendiola at 858 472-8326 or  
madilenam@gmail.com.

### Administrator's Schedule

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| Monday,   | December | 2 - 1 to 6 pm  |
| Tuesday,  | December | 3 - 1 to 6 pm  |
| Thursday, | December | 5 - 1 to 6 pm  |
| Saturday, | December | 7 - 2 to 5 pm  |
| Monday,   | December | 9 - 1 to 6 pm  |
| Tuesday,  | December | 10 - 1 to 6 pm |
| Thursday, | December | 12 - 1 to 6 pm |
| Saturday, | December | 14 - 2 to 5 pm |
| Monday,   | December | 16 - 1 to 6 pm |
| Tuesday,  | December | 17 - 1 to 6 pm |
| Thursday, | December | 19 - 1 to 6 pm |
| Saturday, | December | 21 - 2 to 5 pm |
| Monday,   | December | 23 - 1 to 6 pm |
| Tuesday,  | December | 24 - 1 to 6 pm |
| Thursday, | December | 26 - 1 to 6 pm |
| Saturday, | December | 28 - 2 to 5 pm |
| Monday,   | December | 30 - 1 to 6 pm |
| Tuesday,  | December | 31 - 1 to 6 pm |

Drop in at the Fellowship during Susan  
Turner's office hours, or call 785 537-2349.  
Sue may be reached at any time at  
office@uufm.net.

## HELPFUL INFORMATION FOR MEMBERS AND FRIENDS

Contact Fellowship administrator Susan Turner at 785 539-3272 or  
office@uufm.net to **UPDATE YOUR MAILING ADDRESS, PHONE, or EMAIL**, or  
to **CANCEL YOUR SUBSCRIPTION** to this newsletter. You may also contact  
Susan to learn how to join our private **COFFEE AND CONVERSATIONS**  
**FACEBOOK** group.

If you've considered **BECOMING A MEMBER** of UUFM, ask Welcoming chair  
Shirley Hobrock at 785 776-3175 or shirleyjhobrock@hotmail.com, or  
Jonalu Johnstone at 785 537-2349 or revjonalu@uufm.net.

Fellowship members may receive **UU WORLD MAGAZINE**, without cost.  
An audio version of *UU World* is available for those with vision or read-  
ing difficulties. To subscribe, contact Susan Turner at 785 537-2349 or  
office@uufm.net. Read *UU World* online at [www.uuworld.org](http://www.uuworld.org).

Join in discussions of interest; receive information on community events,  
and last-minute updates and announcements on our UUFM **EMAIL LIST**.  
Contact list moderator Ruth Welti at welti@ksu.edu to subscribe.

Consider the convenience of **ELECTRONIC GIVING**. UUFM relies on the  
financial support of our congregation and electronic contributions offer a  
simple and easy way to give on a regular basis. For details, contact Fel-  
lowship bookkeeper Sandy Nelson at sandralounelson@yahoo.com or  
785 341-0135, or pick up literature and a form from the information  
carousel in the Alsop room at the Fellowship. *Thank you!*

## SUNDAY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please contact fellowship administrator Susan Turner at 785 537-2349 or  
office@uufm.net, **NO LATER THAN WEDNESDAY EVENING** with announce-  
ments and information for inclusion in the Sunday morning order of  
service bulletin.

## CARING FOR MEMBERS AND FRIENDS

If you need a ride or could use a hand, or if you know members or friends  
who are experiencing life challenges and would appreciate assistance or  
support, please let our Caring Committee know. Contact us at  
785 537-2349 or office@uufm.net.

## BUILDING USE AND SCHEDULING

Please check with Susan Turner to be sure your desired date is available  
before finalizing plans for any use of the Fellowship building, including  
**COMMITTEE MEETINGS**, Fellowship activities, or private events that will be  
held in the Fellowship building. To confirm building availability and sche-  
dule your activity, or for more information, contact Sue at 785 537-2349  
or office@uufm.net.

## JANUARY NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

The deadline for submissions to the January edition of *The UUFM Voice*  
will be Sunday, **DECEMBER 15**. Submissions received later may not be  
included in the newsletter. Please send your newsletter contributions to  
Susan Turner at 539-3272 or office@uufm.net.





# DECEMBER 2019 at UUFM

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| <b>1</b><br><b>10:45 AM SUNDAY SERVICE</b><br><i>In The Gambia</i>                                                                                                                                       | <b>2</b><br><b>1 TO 6 PM</b><br><b>SUSAN TURNER</b> at Fellowship, 537-2349                                       | <b>3</b><br><b>1 TO 6 PM</b><br><b>SUSAN TURNER</b><br><b>3:30 TO 4:30 PM</b><br><b>SANDY NELSON</b> at Fellowship, 537-2349                                                                 | <b>4</b><br><b>12 NOON MEN'S LUNCH</b><br><b>DECEMBER 5</b> →<br><b>6 PM</b><br><b>POOR PEOPLE'S CAMPAIGN</b><br>KANSAS STRATEGIC DIALOGUE<br>1st Congregational Church<br>700 Poyntz Ave | <b>5</b><br><b>1 TO 6 PM</b><br><b>SUSAN TURNER</b><br><b>1 TO 5 PM</b><br><b>JONALU JOHNSTONE</b><br><b>3:30 TO 4:30 PM</b><br><b>SANDY NELSON</b> at Fellowship, 537-2349  | <b>6</b><br><b>7 AM HAPPY KITCHEN</b> breakfast<br>St Paul's Episcopal<br><br><b>7 PM BEER AND THEOLOGY</b><br>Auntie Mae's Parlor                    | <b>7</b><br><b>10:30 AM TO 12:30 PM</b><br><b>JONALU JOHNSTONE</b> at Radina's Bakehouse<br><br><b>2 TO 5 PM</b><br><b>SUSAN TURNER</b> at Fellowship, 537-2349                                                                           |
| <b>8</b><br><b>9:30 AM UU HISTORY AND THEOLOGY</b><br><i>Just War, Pacifism, and Peace-making</i><br><b>10:45 AM SUNDAY SERVICE</b><br><i>Fear Not?</i><br><b>12:15 PM</b><br><b>CRAFT AND BAKE SALE</b> | <b>9</b><br><b>1 TO 6 PM</b><br><b>SUSAN TURNER</b> at Fellowship, 537-2349<br><br><b>4 PM RACIAL JUSTICE MTG</b> | <b>10</b><br><b>1 TO 6 PM S TURNER</b><br><b>1:30 TO 5 PM J JOHNSTONE</b><br><b>3:30 TO 4:30 PM S NELSON</b> at Fellowship, 537-2349<br><b>7 PM BOARD MEETING</b><br>Mark Mayfield, 776-6495 | <b>11</b><br><b>12 NOON MEN'S LUNCH</b><br>Jupiter room<br><br><b>12:30 TO 2:30 PM</b><br><b>JONALU JOHNSTONE</b> at Radina's on the Hill<br><b>3 PM</b><br><b>MEADOWLARK SERVICE</b>     | <b>12</b><br><b>1 TO 6 PM</b><br><b>SUSAN TURNER</b><br><b>2 TO 5 PM</b><br><b>JONALU JOHNSTONE</b><br><b>3:30 TO 4:30 PM</b><br><b>SANDY NELSON</b> at Fellowship, 537-2349 | <b>13</b><br><b>7 AM HAPPY KITCHEN</b> breakfast<br>St Paul's Episcopal<br><br><b>5:30 PM SEARCHING FOR THE FUTURE</b><br><i>Facilitator Training</i> | <b>14</b><br><b>9 AM SEARCHING FOR THE FUTURE</b><br><i>morning session</i><br><b>12 PM Lunch</b><br><b>1 PM afternoon session</b><br><b>4 PM Dinner</b><br><b>5:30 PM Wrap-Up session</b><br><br><b>2 TO 5 PM</b><br><b>SUSAN TURNER</b> |
| <b>15</b><br><b>10:45 AM SUNDAY SERVICE</b><br><i>Words Fail</i><br><br><b>12:30 PM TEEN LUNCH</b><br>AND <b>COOKIE BAKING</b><br>at Sandy Nelson's                                                      | <b>16</b><br><b>1 TO 6 PM</b><br><b>SUSAN TURNER</b> at Fellowship, 537-2349                                      | <b>17</b><br><b>1 TO 6 PM</b><br><b>SUSAN TURNER</b><br><b>1 TO 5 PM</b><br><b>JONALU JOHNSTONE</b><br><b>3:30 TO 4:30 PM</b><br><b>SANDY NELSON</b> at Fellowship, 537-2349                 | <b>18</b><br><b>12 NOON MEN'S LUNCH</b><br>Jupiter room<br><br><b>3 TO 5 PM</b><br><b>JONALU JOHNSTONE</b> at Radinas Aggieville                                                          | <b>19</b><br><b>1 TO 6 PM</b><br><b>SUSAN TURNER</b><br><b>1 TO 5 PM</b><br><b>JONALU JOHNSTONE</b><br><b>3:30 TO 4:30 PM</b><br><b>SANDY NELSON</b> at Fellowship, 537-2349 | <b>20</b><br><b>7 AM HAPPY KITCHEN</b> breakfast<br>St Paul's Episcopal                                                                               | <b>21</b><br><br><b>2 TO 5 PM</b><br><b>SUSAN TURNER</b> at Fellowship, 537-2349                                                                                                                                                          |
| <b>22</b><br><b>10:45 AM SUNDAY SERVICE</b><br><i>The Holidays: Awesome or Awful?</i>                                                                                                                    | <b>23</b><br><b>1 TO 6 PM</b><br><b>SUSAN TURNER</b> at Fellowship, 537-2349                                      | <b>24</b><br><b>1 TO 6 PM S TURNER</b><br><b>1 TO 5 PM J JOHNSTONE</b><br><b>3:30 TO 4:30 PM S NELSON</b> at Fellowship, 537-2349<br><b>7 PM</b><br><b>CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE</b>             | <b>25</b><br><br><b>MERRY CHRISTMAS</b>                                                                                                                                                   | <b>26</b><br><b>1 TO 6 PM</b><br><b>SUSAN TURNER</b><br><b>1 TO 5 PM</b><br><b>JONALU JOHNSTONE</b><br><b>3:30 TO 4:30 PM</b><br><b>SANDY NELSON</b> at Fellowship, 537-2349 | <b>27</b><br><b>7 AM HAPPY KITCHEN</b> breakfast<br>St Paul's Episcopal                                                                               | <b>28</b><br><br><b>2 TO 5 PM</b><br><b>SUSAN TURNER</b> at Fellowship, 537-2349                                                                                                                                                          |
| <b>29</b><br><b>10:45 AM SUNDAY SERVICE</b><br><i>Farewell 2019: R.I.P.</i>                                                                                                                              | <b>30</b><br><b>1 TO 6 PM</b><br><b>SUSAN TURNER</b> at Fellowship, 537-2349                                      | <b>31</b><br><b>1 TO 6 PM</b><br><b>SUSAN TURNER</b><br><b>3:30 TO 4:30 PM</b><br><b>SANDY NELSON</b> at Fellowship, 537-2349                                                                |                                                                                                                                                                                           |                                                                                                                                                                              |                                                                                                                                                       |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |